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# LATC Program Updates

## LATC Meetings

*Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public. Meeting notices are mailed to interested parties and are available at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) at least ten days prior to meeting dates. Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities; requests for accommodations should be made to the LATC by the date specified on the meeting notice. For more information, or to be placed on the LATC's interested parties list, please call (916) 445-4954 or send an email to [latc@dca.ca.gov](mailto:latc@dca.ca.gov).*

### January 13, 2005

The LATC held its first meeting of the year in Berkeley on January 13, 2005. The meeting was held in conjunction with the LATC's strategic planning session, which was held on the following day. Among some of the items addressed at the meeting were: the Education Subcommittee's progress on evaluating California's eligibility requirements for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE); an update on changes in the administration of the LARE; an update on the LARE Task Analysis; a review of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards' (CLARB) 2005 Spring Meeting business schedule; proposed regulatory amendments pertaining to the LATC's complaint disclosure policy, citations, and rules of professional

conduct; and an update of the LATC's Communications Plan.

### January 14, 2005 - Strategic Planning Session

The LATC held its annual strategic planning session on January 14, 2005. Daniel Iacofano of Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc., facilitated the one-day session. The LATC reviewed its progress and accomplishments from 2004 and identified goals and objectives for 2005 through 2007.

The updated Strategic Plan was approved by the LATC on February 17, 2005 and by the California Architects Board (Board) on March 11, 2005. On March 23, 2005, the Strategic Plan was distributed to Board and LATC

members, CLARB and member board administrators, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the California Council of the ASLA (CC/ASLA), California chapters of the ASLA, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Director's Office, and the DCA Legal Office.

To view the 2005 Strategic Plan, visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).

### February 17, 2005

On February 17, 2005, the LATC met in Sacramento. Items addressed at this meeting were: an update on the Governor's Reorganization Plan; a review of the CLARB 2005 Spring Meeting business schedule; review

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## Reminder: Legislative Updates BPC 5641, 5657, & 5659

### BPC 5641

As reported in the last newsletter, Senate Bill (SB) 1549 was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 22, 2004, which resulted in amendments to the Landscape Architects Practice Act, effective January 1, 2005. Besides extending the LATC's sunset review date to July 1, 2009 and reorganizing the practice exemptions and exceptions under the Act, the bill resulted in an amendment to the exemption for unlicensed designers (Business and Professions Code section [BPC] 5641).

The purpose of the amendment to BPC 5641 was to clarify what landscape design services an unlicensed designer can legally perform, which could, in turn, assist consumers with hiring the appropriate design professional for a given project. In addition, the amendment assists the LATC in determining when an unlicensed designer has clearly exceeded his/her legal scope and/or has posed a threat to the public, which would result in disciplinary action against that individual.

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and approval of the 2005 Strategic Plan; and final review and approval of the LATC's Communications Plan.

The LATC met again in Sacramento on May 6, 2005. The next scheduled meeting is August 12, 2005.

### March 4, 2005 - Education Subcommittee

To meet a 2004 Strategic Plan objective, the LATC is in the process of evaluating its eligibility requirements for the LARE to ensure that applicants have appropriate educational and training/work experience prior to taking the examination. The Education Subcommittee was specifically charged with this task and will be reporting its findings and recommendations back to the LATC in late 2005. The Subcommittee's first meeting (with respect to this task) was held on October 8, 2004 in Sacramento.

Chaired by former LATC member Richard Zweifel, the Subcommittee is comprised of seven landscape architects with diverse backgrounds and years of practice. Part of the Subcommittee's task is to evaluate the examination requirements of CLARB, other landscape architectural licensing jurisdictions, and other design profession boards. In addition, curricula of landscape architectural programs are being examined, as well as additional licensure requirements that pertain to the Subcommittee's charge.

On March 4, 2005, the Subcommittee met again in Sacramento. Items addressed at this meeting were: a review of the Subcommittee's work plan; a general review and discussion of eligibility requirements for examination and licensure; a review and discussion of California associate degree programs in landscape architecture; a review and discussion of a sampling of recently licensed individuals in California with respect to education and experience

background and examination success; and a discussion on the Landscape Architecture Body of Knowledge (LABOK) Study Report.

The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again in Sacramento on June 17, 2005.

## LATC Outreach

### CALBO Annual Business Meeting

On March 1-3, 2005, Board Architect Consultants Bob Carter and David Schwartz and LATC Program Manager Mona Maggio attended the California Building Officials' (CALBO) 43rd Annual Business Meeting in Yosemite. There were over 200 attendees at this year's meeting. Staff had an exhibitor's table at the event and were available to answer questions pertaining to the practice of architecture and landscape architecture and distribute publications. This marked the third consecutive year that the LATC has participated in the event.

Founded in 1962, CALBO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting public health and safety in building construction through responsible legislation, education and building code development. For more information about CALBO, visit [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org).

### ArtsDay LA

On May 21, 2005, the Board and LATC participated in the second annual ArtsDay LA festival, hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Extension. The festival highlights the various arts offerings at UCLA Extension, such as architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, visual arts, art history, graphic design, creative writing, and screenwriting and features free panels and mini-lectures by professional designers, artists, and writers on a wide variety of subjects. The event, which is open to the public, also featured live music, entertainment, giveaways, and a 10 percent discount on enrollment in selected UCLA Extension summer arts courses.

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Presenters included architect Eric Lloyd Wright, landscape architect Tom Lockett, writers Michael Datcher and Tod Goldberg, photographer Scott Stulberg, and Emmy award winning media artist Todd Brunelle.

"Last year's ArtsDay LA attracted nearly 1,200 people and highlighted the richness of LA's arts communities and the diversity of our offerings," said Dr. Linda Venis, director of Extension's Department of the Arts.

### GRP Update

On January 5, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger delivered his "State of the State" address, which included his recommendation to eliminate 88 California boards and commissions. The Board and LATC were among those agencies listed for elimination. However, Board and LATC administration were informed that the plan actually called for the transfer of Board and LATC programmatic functions to a bureau under the existing Department of Consumer Affairs (the California Performance Review [CPR] report had previously proposed to move the Board and LATC under a new Department of Commerce and

Consumer Protection). The Governor's proposal was submitted to the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) on January 6, 2005.

The LHC held a hearing on January 26, 2005 where the Administration presented GRP 1. LHC members asked a number of questions that raised concerns about the plan. Betsey Dougherty testified on behalf of The American Institute of Architects California Council (AIACC). On January 28, 2005, the LHC accepted additional public comments where CC/ASLA President David Mitchell testified on behalf of that organization. The LHC was expected to present a recommendation to the Legislature on February 23, 2005; however, on February 17, 2005, the Governor announced that he was withdrawing the plan to re-examine it.

### March 24, 2005 - BPC 5588/5589 Task Force

On February 8, 2005, Board President Jeff Heller appointed LATC Member Christine Anderson to the Board's Business and Professions Code Sections (BPC) 5588/5589 Task Force. The Task Force was charged with reviewing new statutory language under the Professional Engineers Practice Act that pertains to settlement and arbitration award reporting

Force on March 24, 2005 in order to consider possible amendments to the statutory requirements for architects and landscape architects.

Additionally, the Task Force was asked to work with AIACC and recommend clarifying amendments to the Board's Regulatory and Enforcement Committee (REC) and to the Board. The recommendations will also be considered by the LATC.

Using the Engineer's statutes as a model, the Task Force developed proposed language to amend BPC 5588 and 5589 at its meeting on March 24 and voted unanimously to recommend the proposed amendments to the REC and to the Board. The proposed amendments were reviewed by the REC on May 3, 2005 and will be reviewed by the Board on June 10, 2005. The LATC was updated on the proposed changes at its meeting on May 6, 2005.

### Regulatory and Enforcement Committee

LATC Member Dennis Otsuji was appointed to the REC on February 9, 2005.

Due to similarities in practice and regulatory issues, the LATC, at its 2005 strategic planning session, had recommended the appointment of a LATC member on the REC. Board members and administration agreed that the appointment would benefit both agencies.

The REC is charged with: 1) making recommendations to the Board regarding practice standards and enforcement issues; 2) recommending and establishing policies and procedures designed to protect consumers; and 3) informing the public and licensees of the Board's standards and enforcement programs.

The REC is scheduled to meet again on August 25, 2005 in Sacramento, California.



requirements for engineers. The new language, which provides greater specificity than language currently found under the Architects Practice Act and the Landscape Architects Practice Act, was examined by the Task



## REGULATORY UPDATES: Filing of Mailing Address and Expired Licenses

### CCR 2604

Effective April 7, 2005, California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 26, sections (CCR) 2604 and 2624 were amended and CCR 2624.1 was adopted.

As mentioned above regarding BPC 5657, CCR 2604 was also amended to clarify the filing of mailing address requirement for landscape architects. In addition, the new regulatory language specifies that a licensee's mailing address is a matter of public record and therefore can be disclosed to the public upon request. The clarification to the requirement will ensure that licensees file an address with the LATC that they feel is appropriate for public disclosure.

The new language under CCR 2604 is as follows:

#### § 2604. Filing of Mailing Address.

*Each person holding a license from the Board shall file his or her current mailing address with the Board at its office in Sacramento, California, and shall immediately notify the Board of any and all changes of mailing address, giving both his or her old and new addresses. The licensee's mailing address shall be a matter of public record. A penalty as provided in Section 5681 of the Code and Section 2649 shall be paid by a licensee who fails to notify the Board within 30 days after a change of address.*

### CCR 2624 and 2624.1

The amendment to CCR 2624 and adoption of 2624.1 clarify the requirements for an individual who wishes to obtain a new landscape architect license in California and whose previous license has either been expired for: 1) more than three years, but less than five years; or 2) more than five years.

An individual who falls within the three to five year time frame is eligible for a new license by applying for re-licensure, as outlined in CCR 2624 below. Additional information regarding the re-licensure process can be obtained from the LATC Web site at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) or by calling (916) 445-4954.

Under CCR 2624.1, an individual whose previous license has been expired for more than five years must: 1) comply with requirements that apply to first-time applicants; and 2) pass all sections of the current national licensing examination.

CCR 2624 and 2624.1 now read as follows:

**§ 2624. Expired License - Three Years After Expiration.** *An applicant whose landscape architect license has been expired for more than three years but less than five years shall be eligible for a new license upon:*

*(a) Complying with the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 5680.2;*

*(b) Completing the re-licensure application process as follows:*

*(1) Submitting application for examination and all fees required of first-time applicants (see sections 2610 and 2649);*

*(2) Submitting work samples and supporting materials that demonstrate applicant's current knowledge and experience in landscape architecture; and*

*(3) Passing current sections of the national licensing examination, if any, designated by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee,*

*(c) Passing the California Supplemental Examination.*

**§ 2624.1. Expired License - Five Years After Expiration.** *An applicant whose landscape architect license*

*has been expired for more than five years shall be eligible for a new license upon:*

*(a) Complying with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 5680.2, subdivisions (a) and (b) (see also sections 2610 and 2649);*

*(b) Passing the current national licensing examination; and*

*(c) Passing the California Supplemental Examination.*

## CLARB ANNOUNCES Update on LARE Prep Materials

To help candidates prepare for the LARE, CLARB now offers online practice exams for multiple-choice sections A, B, and D. In addition, CLARB has reduced the price of the premier LARE study guide, *The Road to Licensure and Beyond (including Understanding the LARE, 5th edition)*, by \$40. And, for those candidates preparing for graphic performance sections C and E, CLARB also offers six *Diagnostic Vignette* practice problems that include a personal critique of candidates' solutions.

For more information, visit [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org) and [www.C2Ed.com](http://www.C2Ed.com) or call (703) 319-8380.

Candidates may also visit [www.latc.ca.gov/links.htm](http://www.latc.ca.gov/links.htm) and contact listed organizations and schools regarding additional prep materials/courses for the LARE.

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At its January 13, 2005 meeting, the LATC reviewed and approved a draft letter that explained the amendments to BPC 5641. On January 21, 2005, the letter was mailed to the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CC/ALSA), California Chapters of the ASLA, the Contractors State License Board, the California Landscape Contractors Association, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, public agency officials, and California landscape architecture programs.

The new language under BPC 5641 is as follows:

**§ 5641. (Chapter Exceptions, Exemptions).** *This chapter shall not be deemed to prohibit any person from preparing drawings for the conceptual design and placement of tangible objects and landscape features or plans, drawings, and specifications for the selection, placement, or use of plants for a single family dwelling. Construction documents, details, or specifications for the tangible objects or landscape features, and alteration of site requiring grading and drainage plans shall be prepared by a licensed professional as required by law.*

### BPC 5657

Also reported in the last newsletter were the amendments to BPC 5657 and 5659, also effective January 1, 2005 (SB 1914).

The amendment to BPC 5657 clarifies the filing of mailing address requirement for licensees. Where the previous language required the filing of a business address, the current language only requires the filing of a current mailing address (left to licensee's discretion) with the LATC. Any change of mailing address must be filed within 30 days. Licensees who fail to file a current mailing address with the LATC could be subject to a penalty.

## ASLA 2005 Annual Meeting

The ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO provides a unique opportunity for professionals to gather, explore, and celebrate the best in landscape architecture. This year's Annual Meeting & Expo will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on October 7-10.

In keeping with the theme, *Winds of Change, Keys to the Future*, top-notch educational programming will be provided that will assist attendees with changes in the profession and within their communities. In addition, an outstanding roster of keynote speakers has been selected, including the Honorable Joseph P. Riley Jr., Honorary ASLA, mayor of Charleston, South Carolina; 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate Wangari Muta Maathai (invited); Laurie D. Olin, FASLA, Principal, Olin Partnership, Ltd.; and Susan S. Szenasy, Editor-in-Chief, *Metropolis* magazine.

On behalf of the Florida Chapter, a great lineup of field sessions will be available to help attendees explore the Fort Lauderdale area and its landscape architecture. Known as the "Venice of America," Fort Lauderdale boasts 23 miles of Blue Wave beaches and 300 miles of inland waterways. In addition, the city offers a fascinating array of natural and built landscapes.

For more information, visit [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org).

The new language under BPC 5657 is as follows:

**§ 5657. (Filing of Mailing Address – Requirement).** *Each licensee shall file his or her current mailing address with the board at its office in Sacramento, California, and shall notify the board of any and all changes of mailing address, providing both his or her old and new address within 30 days after a change. A penalty as provided in this chapter shall be paid by a licensee who fails to notify the board within 30 days after a change of address.*

### BPC 5659

The amendment to BPC 5659 clarifies the stamping requirements for landscape architects when preparing plans and instruments of service for others. In addition, the amendment aligns the "stamping" requirements for landscape architects with those for architects and engineers under their respective practice acts.

The new language under BPC 5659 is as follows:

**§ 5659. (Inclusion of License Number – Requirement).** *Each person licensed under this chapter shall sign,*

*date, and seal or stamp using a seal or stamp described in this section, all plans, specifications, and other instruments of service therefor, prepared for others as evidence of the person's responsibility for those documents. Failure to comply with this section constitutes a ground for disciplinary action. Each person licensed under this chapter shall use a seal or stamp of the design authorized by the board, bearing his or her name, license number, the legend "licensed landscape architect," the legend "State of California" and a means of providing a signature, the renewal date of the license, and date of signing and sealing or stamping.*

To view all laws and regulations under the Landscape Architects Practice Act, visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) or request a hard copy from the LATC by calling (916) 445-4954 or sending an email to [latc@dca.ca.gov](mailto:latc@dca.ca.gov).

# Examination News

## Reminders

- The computerized portions of the LARE (C/LARE), multiple-choice Sections A, B, and D, are now administered four times a year: January, April, July, and October. For more information or for applicable deadlines, visit [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).
- Graphic performance Sections C and E continue to be administered by the LATC every June and December. For more information or for applicable deadlines, contact the LATC Office at (916) 445-4954 or visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).
- Please note that CLARB and LATC deadlines may differ—visit [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org) and [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) to see posted deadlines.
- Applicants are reminded that, when registering online with CLARB, California (LATC) does not require a Council Record.

## First-Time Applicants

- Applicants who wish to begin the licensing examination process must first apply for eligibility with the LATC by submitting an Eligibility/Examination Application for First-Time Applicants.
- Upon meeting California's requirements, applicants will then be issued a Notice of Eligibility from the LATC. Applicants may then register for Sections C and/or E with the LATC or for Sections A, B, and D with CLARB at [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).
- Applicants can no longer register for Sections A, B, and D with the LATC; however, they must still apply for Sections C and/or E with the LATC.

- First-Time applicants must be issued a Notice of Eligibility from the LATC in order to receive credit for Sections A, B, and D in California.

## Re-Take Candidates

- California Re-Take candidates are not required to obtain a Notice of Eligibility from the LATC prior to registering for Sections A, B, and D with CLARB.
- Re-Take candidates are still required to submit an Application for Re-Examination to the LATC for Sections C and E.

## December 2004 LARE

Sections C and E of the LARE were administered to 193 candidates on December 6-7, 2004 at the Riverside Convention Center and the Sacramento California Exposition and State Fair facilities. Examination results were mailed to candidates on February 24, 2005. Upon issuance of these results, two candidates became eligible to apply for licensure and twenty-two candidates became eligible to apply for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination.

## April 2005 C/LARE

Sections A, B, and D of the LARE (multiple-choice sections of the

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## DECEMBER 2004 LARE RESULTS

### All Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C – Planning and Site Design	G	125	39/31 %	86/69 %
E – Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	140	48/34 %	92/66 %

### First-Time Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C – Planning and Site Design	G	38	14/37 %	24/63 %
E – Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	37	16/43 %	21/57 %

### Re-Take Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C – Planning and Site Design	G	87	25/29 %	62/71 %
E – Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	103	32/31 %	71/69 %

G = Graphic Format



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examination are now computerized and referred to as the C/LARE) were administered by CLARB at statewide computer testing centers on April 4-5, 2005. CLARB has selected Thomson/Prometric as the new computer testing vendor, replacing LaserGrade. Results from this administration were made available at the end of April.

### Review Sessions

Fifty candidates signed up for the Red-Line and/or Standard Review Sessions to review failed graphic performance problems from the December 2004 examination. The sessions were held on May 23, 2005 at the University of California, Los Angeles Extension campus in Westwood and at the LATC office in Sacramento.

### June 2005 LARE

One hundred seventy-one candidates are scheduled to take Sections C and E of the LARE on June 13-14, 2005. The application deadline was April 1, 2005. The examination will again be held in Sacramento and Riverside. Examination results will be available in September 2005.

Eligibility/Examination applications are accepted by the LATC on an ongoing basis; however, there are specific deadlines posted on the LATC's Web site for each administration.

For more information, view the Candidate Information at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).

### July and October 2005 C/LARE

The next administration of the C/LARE will be July 25-26, 2005. The registration deadline is July 11 and the appointment deadline is July 18 (to verify deadlines, for more information, or to register, visit [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org)).

## CLARB Conducts Scientific Study

"... scientific study that will determine the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to practice landscape architecture without endangering the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

On March 25, 2005, CLARB announced that its third "Task Analysis" of the profession of landscape architecture was underway. In late March, approximately 6,000 landscape architects from the U.S. and Canada were asked by mail to participate in this scientific study that will determine the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to practice landscape architecture without endangering the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

CLARB President and former LATC Chair Sandra Gonzalez urged every landscape architect who was asked to participate in the Task Analysis to do so. "The success of this study depends on the willingness of landscape architects to take the time to respond carefully and thoughtfully to the survey."

The results from the study will ensure that the subject matter in the LARE reflects current practice and remains a valid measure of a newly-registered landscape architect's ability. Gonzalez added, "the Task Analysis serves as a critical source of evidence for the validity of the LARE and provides strong support for our position in the event of a legal challenge." CLARB conducted previous Task Analyses of the profession of landscape architecture in 1991 and 1998.

CLARB Executive Director Clarence L. "Buck" Chaffee added that scientific studies, like the Task Analysis, also advance landscape architectural licensure efforts and bolster the credibility of the profession. "Any licensure effort, whether it is a sunset defense of an existing law or establishment of a new law, needs the hard facts that the Task Analysis provides. CLARB's previous studies have been invaluable in a number of legal challenges to the rights of licensed landscape architects."

Landscape architects who participated in the survey did so confidentially. The information will be used only to assess the content of the LARE and to strengthen the definition of the profession. The results and impact of the 2005 Task Analysis will be announced later this year.

CLARB is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals who affect the natural and built environment through the practice of landscape architecture are sufficiently qualified to do so. CLARB's members work together to establish standards for education, experience, and examination required for the professional licensure of landscape architects.

Candidates are reminded that: test centers have a limited number of stations available; space is reserved on a first come, first served basis, they should register as early as possible in order to have the best selection of

testing centers; and administration fees will increase for registrations made less than 21 day prior to the first day of the administration.

The following administration of the C/LARE will be October 3-4, 2005.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 13-14, 2005	LARE (Sections C and E)	Sacramento, Riverside
June 17, 2005	Education Subcommittee Meeting	Sacramento
July 25-26, 2005	C/LARE (Sections A, B, & D)	Statewide Testing Centers
August 12, 2005	LATC Meeting	Sacramento
September 8-10, 2005	CLARB 2005 Annual Meeting	Los Angeles
October 3-4, 2005	C/LARE (Sections A, B, & D)	Statewide Testing Centers
October 7-10, 2005	ASLA 2005 Annual Meeting	Fort Lauderdale, Florida



### Email Subscriber Feature Added to LATC Web Site

On March 3, 2005, an email subscriber feature was added to the LATC Web site. Subscribers will receive email notifications from the LATC pertaining to meeting dates and agendas, newsletters, and regulatory changes, etc. To receive email notifications from the LATC, visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) and click on *"Join Our Email List."*